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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 March 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 28-64 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 28-42, 49-60 and 62 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 43, 44, 61, 63 and 64 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 45-48 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 March 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

I. Claims 43, 44, 61,63, and 64 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Park (US 6,215,810 B1).

1. Regarding claim 43 – Park discloses said transmitter having signal modulation units for a number of sub-carrier groups, configured to perform frequency spreading and time spreading for each sub-carrier signal of each channel constituting a sub-carrier group, based on a predetermined condition, refer to Figures 3 and 4 and column 2 lines 4 to 58 and column 3 lines 38 to 62 and column 4 lines 5 to 62.

Park discloses said receiver having signal demodulation units for the number of sub-carrier groups, configured to perform time despreading and frequency despreading for each sub-carrier signal, refer to Figure 5 and column 4 lines 62 to 67 and column 5 lines 1 to 55.

2. Regarding claim 44 – Park discloses a frame creation unit configured to create data frames comprising a known sequence, frame information, and data, for each sub-carrier group based on said predetermined condition, refer to Figures 3 and 4 and column 2 lines 4 to 58 and column 3 lines 38 to 62 and column 4 lines 5 to 62.

Park discloses a copy unit configured to generate data frames by the number of sub-carriers, by copying a data frame, refer to Figures 3 and 4 and column 2 lines 4 to 58 and column 3 lines 38 to 62 and column 4 lines 5 to 62.

Park discloses an information modulation unit configured to perform modulation processing with respect to each data frame, refer to Figures 3 and 4 and column 2 lines 4 to 58 and column 3 lines 38 to 62 and column 4 lines 5 to 62.

Park discloses a frequency spreading unit configured to perform frequency spreading with respect to each sub-carrier signal after modulation, based on said predetermined condition, refer to Figures 3 and 4 and column 2 lines 4 to 58 and column 3 lines 38 to 62 and column 4 lines 5 to 62.

Park discloses a power control unit configured to perform transmission power control with respect to each sub-carrier signal after the frequency spreading, Figures 3 and 4 and column 2 lines 4 to 58 and column 3 lines 38 to 62 and column 4 lines 5 to 62 and equation 1 and column 5 lines 53 to 67 and column 6 lines 1 to 25.

Park discloses a time spreading unit configured to perform time spreading with respect to each sub-carrier signal after the frequency spreading, refer to Figures 3 and 4 and column 2 lines 4 to 58 and column 3 lines 38 to 62 and column 4 lines 5 to 62.

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3. Regarding claim 61 – Park discloses signal modulation units for the number of sub-carrier groups, configured to perform frequency spreading and time spreading for each sub-carrier signal of each channel constituting a sub-carrier group, based on a predetermined condition, refer to Figures 3 and 4 and column 2 lines 4 to 58 and column 3 lines 38 to 62 and column 4 lines 5 to 62.

4. Regarding claim 63 – Park discloses time despreading units for the number of sub-carrier groups, configured to perform time despreading for each sub-carrier signal, refer to Figure 5 and column 4 lines 62 to 67 and column 5 lines 1 to 55.

Park discloses signal demodulation units for the number of sub-carrier groups, configured to perform frequency despreading for each sub-carrier signal after the time despreading, refer to Figure 5 and column 4 lines 62 to 67 and column 5 lines 1 to 55.

5. Regarding claim 64 – Park discloses signal demodulation units for the number of sub-carrier groups, configured to perform time despreading and frequency despreading for each sub-carrier signal, refer to Figure 5 and column 4 lines 62 to 67 and column 5 lines 1 to 55.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 28-42, 49-60, and 62 are allowable over the prior art of record.

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Claims 45-48 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

1. Häkkinen et al. (US 6,226,320 B1) discloses method and equipment for multirate coding and detection in a multiple access mobile communication system.
2. Vandendrope, "Multitone Spread Spectrum Multiple Access Communications System in a Multipath Rician Fading Channel", 1995, IEEE, pages 327-337.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Pezzlo whose telephone number is (571) 272-3090. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wellington Chin, can be reached on (571) 272-3134. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

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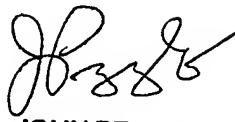
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